

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 10, 2002**. Cooler and drier weather will be welcomed by farmers who wish to finish with harvesting and fall plantings. Soil moisture was rated 19 percent adequate and 81 percent surplus.

| Progress In Percentages |           |           |           |      |          | Conditions in Percentages |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Item                    | Event     | This Week | Last Week | 2001 | 5-Yr Avg | Very Poor                 | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Cotton                  | Harvested | 65        | 60        | 95   | 97       | --                        | --   | --   | --   | --        |
| Rice                    | Harvested | 96        | 94        | 100  | 100      | --                        | --   | --   | --   | --        |
| Soybeans                | Harvested | 81        | 78        | 98   | 96       | --                        | --   | --   | --   | --        |
| Sweetpotatoes           | Harvested | 94        | 92        | 100  | 96       | --                        | --   | --   | --   | --        |
| Wheat                   | Planted   | 42        | 31        | 82   | 82       | 0                         | 7    | 55   | 36   | 2         |
|                         | Emerged   | 25        | 16        | 57   | 58       |                           |      |      |      |           |
| Cattle                  |           |           |           |      |          | 1                         | 4    | 24   | 61   | 10        |

**County Agent Comments**

“Rain has stopped field work. Some progress was made with harvest last week, but we still have several acres to be harvested. Soybean quality has really been hurt.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Strong winds passed thru the county last night causing limited damage to trees and buildings. Producers were able to get back in the muddy fields last week to harvest cotton and soybeans. Heavy equipment is damaging rural roads that are saturated from the excessive rains.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Farmers are hoping sunshine and dry weather will allow them to harvest this weekend.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“We are mudding out what remains of the cotton and soybean crop. Damage is severe in the remaining soybeans, and cotton losses are approaching 50% in many fields. A full week of dry weather would help producers.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Rains have brought farming activities to a stand-still. Grounds are thoroughly saturated.”

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

“Blast, an excessive amount of rain, and Armyworms have some livestock producers planting cool season forages for the second and third time. One older producer stated that a dry year will scare you and a wet year will starve you. Many feel that he might be right.”

— Jon Kilgore, Lawrence County

“Ryegrass problems continue to be reported and range from poor stands to Blast disease. Additional rain will further delay the planting of over-seeded ryegrass. Warm temperatures have allowed Bermuda grass to compete with ryegrass in many fields.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones County

“A few days of sunshine last week seemed to help the Blast in our ryegrass. We still are having problems with ryegrass pastures and this week looks like a prime time for more fungus problems. We need some cool nights and sunshine in the daylight hours for winter grazing to take off.”

— Mike Keene, Perry County

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| Weather Summary from November 4, 2002 to November 10, 2002 for Mississippi |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
|--|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|
| District/Station   | Air Temperature |     |     |      |     | Precipitation |       |           |            | 4 Inch Soil Temperature |     |     | Avg Pan Evap |
|  | Max             | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week      | DFN   | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max                     | Min | Avg |              |
| 1. Upper Delta   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Clarksdale   |                 |     |     | 56   |     | 2.20 E        | +1.01 | 3         | 3.20 E     |                         |     |     |              |
| Cleveland  | 76              | 37  | 55  | 56   | -1  | 2.09          | +0.85 | 3         | 4.16       |                         |     |     |              |
| Tunica   | 65              | 38  | 48  | 55   | -7  | 1.31          | +0.13 | 2         | 2.80       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 76              | 37  | 52  | 56   | -4  | 1.87          | +0.75 | 3         | 3.39       |                         |     |     |              |
| 2. North-Central   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Holly Springs  |                 |     |     | 53   |     | 1.30 E        | +0.10 | 3         | 2.72 E     |                         |     |     |              |
| Memphis  | 82              | 37  | 55  | 55   | 0   | 1.66          | +0.44 | 3         | 3.41       |                         |     |     |              |
| Oxford   | 75              | 39  | 55  | 54   | +1  | 1.85          | +0.69 | 3         | 3.11       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 37  | 55  | 55   | 0   | 1.60          | +0.46 | 3         | 3.08       |                         |     |     |              |
| 3. Northeast   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Booneville   | 73              | 35  | 53  | 53   | 0   | 2.40          | +1.23 | 3         | 4.00       |                         |     |     |              |
| Corinth  |                 |     |     | 55   |     | 1.34          | +0.14 | 2         | 3.44       |                         |     |     |              |
| Iuka   | 71              | 28  | 50  | 52   | -2  | 2.41          | +1.22 | 3         | 4.65       |                         |     |     |              |
| Pontotoc   |                 |     |     | 55   |     | 2.90          | +1.90 | 3         | 4.76       |                         |     |     |              |
| Tupelo   | 84              | 35  | 56  | 54   | +2  | 2.60          | +1.56 | 3         | 4.40       |                         |     |     |              |
| Verona   |                 |     |     | 55   |     | 2.78          | +1.81 | 4         | 5.93       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 84              | 28  | 53  | 55   | -2  | 2.19          | +1.10 | 3         | 4.12       |                         |     |     |              |
| 4. Lower Delta   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Belzoni  |                 |     |     | 57   |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Rolling Fork   | 79              | 38  | 55  | 57   | -2  | 2.87          | +1.79 | 3         | 5.72       | 67                      | 57  | 61  | 0.08         |
| Stoneville   | 79              | 38  | 55  | 56   | -1  | 2.63          | +1.51 | 4         | 3.90       | 71                      | 45  | 57  |              |
| Yazoo City   | 77              | 37  | 55  | 58   | -3  | 2.76          | +1.62 | 3         | 6.55       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 79              | 37  | 55  | 58   | -3  | 2.75          | +1.65 | 3         | 5.39       | 71                      | 45  | 59  | 0.08         |
| 5. Central   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Carthage   | 77              | 36  | 56  | 56   | 0   | 1.71          | +0.56 | 3         | 8.70       |                         |     |     |              |
| Greenwood  | 83              | 35  | 57  | 57   | 0   | 2.49          | +1.42 | 3         | 5.42       |                         |     |     |              |
| Jackson  | 85              | 37  | 59  | 57   | +2  | 1.55          | +0.46 | 3         | 7.15       |                         |     |     |              |
| Winona   | 74              | 31  | 52  | 53   | -1  | 2.97          | +1.91 | 3         | 6.17       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 85              | 31  | 56  | 57   | -1  | 2.18          | +1.16 | 3         | 6.86       |                         |     |     |              |
| 6. East-Central  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Brooksville  | 71              | 39  | 53  |      |     | 1.58          | +0.56 | 2         | 4.01       | 61                      | 53  | 57  |              |
| Columbus   | 76              | 36  | 54  | 57   | -3  | 1.34          | +0.21 | 3         | 3.34       |                         |     |     |              |
| State University   | 72              | 35  | 55  | 56   | -1  | 2.68          | +1.66 | 3         | 6.04       | 63                      | 51  | 57  | 0.08         |
| Extreme/Average  | 76              | 35  | 54  | 57   | -3  | 1.87          | +0.90 | 3         | 4.46       | 63                      | 51  | 57  | 0.08         |
| 7. Southwest   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Crystal Springs  | 77              | 39  | 58  | 59   | -1  | 3.15          | +2.20 | 3         | 7.35       | 72                      | 54  | 62  |              |
| Natchez  | 79              | 37  | 59  | 60   | -1  | 4.95          | +3.74 | 3         | 11.82      |                         |     |     |              |
| Oakley   | 79              | 36  | 56  | 57   | -1  | 3.42          | +2.28 | 4         | 9.11       | 68                      | 54  | 60  |              |
| Vicksburg  | 78              | 40  | 57  |      |     | 2.94          |       | 3         | 8.70       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 79              | 36  | 58  | 60   | -2  | 3.62          | +2.61 | 3         | 9.25       | 72                      | 54  | 61  |              |
| 8. South-Central   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Columbia   | 76              | 40  | 60  | 59   | +1  | 2.78          | +1.72 | 4         | 5.76       |                         |     |     |              |
| McComb   | 85              | 39  | 61  | 60   | +1  | 3.32          | +2.23 | 3         | 9.67       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 85              | 39  | 60  | 59   | +1  | 3.05          | +2.12 | 4         | 7.72       |                         |     |     |              |
| 9. Southeast   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Beaumont   | 78              | 37  | 58  |      |     | 1.73          |       | 3         | 8.31       |                         |     |     |              |
| Hattiesburg  | 73              | 39  | 57  | 60   | -3  | 2.00          | +0.82 | 3         | 7.58       |                         |     |     |              |
| Laurel   | 77              | 39  | 58  | 58   | 0   | 1.07          | +0.01 | 3         | 3.43       |                         |     |     |              |
| Meridian   | 84              | 37  | 59  | 58   | +1  | 1.57          | +0.50 | 3         | 9.39       |                         |     |     |              |
| Newton   | 78              | 35  | 55  | 56   | -1  | 1.52          | +0.38 | 3         | 7.15       | 65                      | 52  | 59  | 0.08         |
| Extreme/Average  | 84              | 35  | 57  | 59   | -2  | 1.58          | +0.65 | 3         | 7.17       | 65                      | 52  | 59  | 0.08         |
| 10. Coastal  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Bay St Louis   | 76              | 39  | 60  | 62   | -2  | 1.05          | -0.10 | 2         | 4.16       |                         |     |     |              |
| BiloxiAFB  | 77              | 46  | 64  |      |     | 0.85          |       | 2         | 6.45       |                         |     |     |              |
| Gulfport   | 78              | 44  | 64  | 63   | +1  | 1.21          | +0.19 | 3         | 4.93       |                         |     |     |              |
| Pascagoula   | 82              | 41  | 64  |      |     | 1.46          |       | 3         | 6.88       |                         |     |     |              |
| Poplarville  |                 |     |     | 61   |     | 1.11          | +0.08 | 3         | 8.40       |                         |     |     | 0.10         |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 39  | 63  | 62   | +1  | 1.14          | +0.27 | 3         | 6.09       |                         |     |     | 0.10         |
| State  | 85              | 28  | 56  | 58   | -2  | 2.23          | +1.22 | 3         | 6.03       | 72                      | 45  | 59  | 0.07         |

DFN = Departure from Normal.